IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A candle wick, comprising:

a candle wick body comprising an outer surface and an inner region made of combustible materials suitable for use in the manufacture of a candle,

said outer surface being substantially monochromatic, and

said inner region including at least one colored identification filament which is not visible on the outer surface of the candle wick which is color coded to identify at least one characteristic of said candle wick.

2. (Original) The candle wick according to claim 1, wherein:

said at least one colored identification filament includes a plurality of filaments all the same color.

3. (Original) The candle wick according to claim 1, wherein:

said at least one colored identification filament includes a plurality of filaments of different color.

4. (Original) The candle wick according to claim 3, wherein:

said plurality of filaments are arranged in an order which defines a code, said code indicating characteristics of said wick.

5. (Original) The candle wick according to claim 4, wherein:

said code also indicates the manufacturer of said wick.

6. (Original) The candle wick according to claim 4, wherein:

said characteristics are selected from the group consisting of wick type, yield, rate of combustion, flame height, and pool diameter.

7. (Original) The candle wick according to claim 1, wherein:

said at least one colored identification filament is related to an identification of characteristics of said wick.

8. (Original) The candle wick according to claim 7, wherein:

said characteristics are selected from the group consisting of wick type, yield, rate of combustion, flame height, and pool diameter.

9. (Currently Amended) A method of making a candle wick, comprising:

forming a candle wick body comprising an outer surface and an inner region made of combustible materials suitable for use in the manufacture of a candle, said outer surface being substantially monochromatic, and

placing at least one colored identification filament in said inner region which is not visible on the outer surface of the candle wick which is color coded to identify at least one characteristic of said candle wick.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 9, wherein:

said at least one colored identification filament includes a plurality of filaments all the same color.

11. (Original) The method according to claim 9, wherein:

said at least one colored identification filament includes a plurality of filaments of different color.

12. (Original) The method according to claim 11, further comprising:

arranging said plurality of filaments in an order which defines a code, and associating said code with characteristics of said wick.

13. (Original) The method according to claim 12, further comprising:

associating said code with the manufacturer of said wick.

14. (Original) The method according to claim 12, wherein:

said characteristics are selected from the group consisting of wick type, yield, rate of combustion, flame height, and pool diameter.

15. (Original) The method according to claim 9, further comprising:

associating said at least one colored identification filament with an identification of characteristics of said wick.

16. (Original) The method according to claim 15, wherein:

said characteristics are selected from the group consisting of wick type, yield, rate of combustion, flame height, and pool diameter.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please substitute the formal drawings enclosed herewith for Figs. 1, 4, 7, and 10 for the corresponding drawings of record.